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For: **FADE PRINTED DECORATIVE SHEETS AND METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR MAKING THE SAME**

**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This amendment after final is being filed after the Notice of Appeal which was mailed May 6, 2003 and whose postcard bears a USPTO date stamp of May 12, 2003. This amendment is filed together with a Petition and Fee for a one month extension of time. Applicants believe that with this amendment, the claims are in condition for allowance. Additionally, Applicants today have filed a continuation application.

Please amend the claims as follows: